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N-Alkyl Morphinan Alkaloid Salts

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BARBARA A. KRISCHPRELIMINARY AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

For entry into the U.S. National Stage from the PCT, the above-identified national stage application is concurrently being amended as follows. Claims 4, 5, 8-10, 12-14, 16-27, 33, 35, and 40-56 are not being entered and are therefore cancelled from examination, and no new claims are being added. Accordingly, 22 claims (Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 11, 15, 28-32, 34, 36-39, and 57-61) are initially being presented for examination. Of those 22 claims, only two (Claims 1 and 57) are independent. Thus, no filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16(h) are believed to be due and \$100.00 in filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16(i) for 2 claims in excess of twenty are believed to be due. A separate cover sheet setting forth the amount of the fees and an authorization to charge the fees to a deposit account is attached. However, in the event of an error, it is requested that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 13-1160.

The above-mentioned revisions of the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which may be found on pages 2-6 of this correspondence.

It is believed that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early notice of allowance is hereby requested. Should the Office believe that a telephone conference would expedite allowance, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned at (314) 654-3939.

Respectfully submitted,  
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